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TWO MEXICAN NATIONALS PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men pleaded guilty in federal court today to their roles in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in Jackson County, Mo.

Derby Caro-Alarcon, 27, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to his role in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, **Caro-Alarcon** admitted that he conspired to distribute the methamphetamine on Dec. 16, 2003, in Jackson County.

Jose Manuel Mancha-Galvan, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright on March 24, 2004, to his role in the methamphetamine conspiracy. By pleading guilty, **Mancha-Galvan** also admitted to conspiring to distribute methamphetamine on Dec. 16, 2003, in Jackson County.

Both co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 27, 2004, in Kansas City, and have admitted to entering the United States illegally and have no legal resident status in the United States.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, both co-defendants may be subject to maximum sentences of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus fines up to \$2 million. Their sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigations by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the DEA Task Force.

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